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Seeing your Life through the Lens of the Gospel (Luke 12:22-30)

1. The question put to Jesus is one that many still ask: 'Will many be saved?' In his answer, Jesus is not concerned about numbers but warns his listeners about complacency. Just as his listeners could not regard the mere fact of being Jews as sufficient for salvation, neither can we regard being Christians as enough. Salvation will come from our acceptance of Jesus. For any relationship to be alive – either with God or with another human person – the real question is: 'Is my heart in this relationship?' What does your experience tell you of this?
2. 'Strive to enter by the narrow door.' Jesus himself is on his journey to Jerusalem; purposeful and determined. His true followers will also be purposeful and determined. That is true of any journey, career, or relationship if there is to be growth or progress. What is it like for you when you fail to do this? What is it like for you when the effort is there?

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THE DEEP END

Curiouser and curiouser

'Alice opened the door and found that it led into a small passage, not much larger than a

passage into the loveliest garden you ever saw. How she longed to get out of that dark hall, and wander about among those beds of bright flowers and those cool fountains, but she could not even get her head through the doorway.' (Lewis Carroll, *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*), Alice is having a bit of bother with doors. She finds herself in a hall in which the doors are all locked. When she finds a key, it doesn't fit the locks. When she manages to find a door to match the key, she herself won't fit through; the doorway is too narrow. How frustrating!

The parable in today's Gospel also features a narrow door and a locked door, as well as an unsympathetic doorkeeper – it's almost as if the master wants to keep everyone out! People knock on the door and expect to be admitted, but it's not that simple. The master turns them away, claiming not to know them, despite protestations that they are acquainted.

Jesus is trying to teach his followers about discipleship. What does he mean when he says we must 'enter by the narrow door'? Is it almost impossible to enter the kingdom of God? One thing is sure: a passing acquaintance with Jesus will not be enough. The plea of 'We once ate and drank in your company' is feeble. It is not enough to know Jesus only on the surface – to attend Mass every Sunday or to turn him only when we are in need. To really know Jesus, one must walk the narrow path of the Gospel.

VISITING THE SICK: If you are aware of someone who is housebound or in hospital and would like a visit from Fr. McAuliffe or Fr. Ryan, please contact Margaret in the sacristy.

If you are unable to attend Mass and would like to receive weekly Holy Communion please contact Margaret in the Sacristy.

Bereavement Support Information Evening will take place in Milford Care Centre on Tue 27th August 2019 from 7pm - 8.30pm. The Bereavement Information evening is designed to give general information on grief and bereavement to bereaved people, their family and friends. Bereavement Counsellors will be in attendance to provide general information on Grief and Bereavement. The evening will comprise of: Short talk by a Bereavement Counsellor, Different experiences of Grief, Services available, Question Time. The Information Evening is Free

Pilgrimage to Our Lady's Shrine Knock, Co. Mayo – National Grandparents Day. Date September 8th: Coach departs at 9.00am from outside the Salesian Primary School Fernbank. For details pls contact Sr. Susan at 085-7491270.

Limerick Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome – October 2019: Bishop Brendan Leahy is leading a Diocesan pilgrimage to Rome for the canonisation of Cardinal John Henry Newman. The new saint visited Limerick twice in 1852 and 1854 and resided for some time in the Diocese. The pilgrimage will depart on a Ryanair flight leaving Dublin at 4.30pm on Friday 11th October, returning

from Rome at 9pm on Monday 14th. €649 pps. See posters in church for details. For bookings contact: Cultural Connections Ltd. Newtown, Rahan, Tullamore, Co. Offaly Tel: 0579355050 or email: infor@culturalconnections.eu

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MASS TIMES: Weekends and Holy Days

Saturday Vigil 18:00

Sunday 10:00; 11:30

Weekdays:

Mon. to Fri. 10:00

Saturday 09:45 : Prayer Service

BAPTISMS: Saturday 17:00

Sunday 12:15

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat 24 th	09.45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Gabrielle Lyons (A)
Sun 25 th	10:00	Teresa Lynch (A)
		Nancy & Willie McElligott (A)
	11:30	Michael Brosnan (A)
		Jean Guerin (A)
Mon 26 th	10:00	Pro Popolo
Tues 27 th	10:00	Martin Sexton (A)
Wed 28 th	10:00	
Thur 29 th	10:00	Michael Brosnan (A)
Fri 30 th	10:00	Pat Wall (Int.)
Sat 31 st	09:45	Prayer Service
	18:00	Florence McGowan (M.M.)

Sun 1st **10:00** **John Garvey (A)**
11.30
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